



# Hebrews

Jesus Christ, The Mediator of a  
Better Covenant (Heb. 9:23-28)



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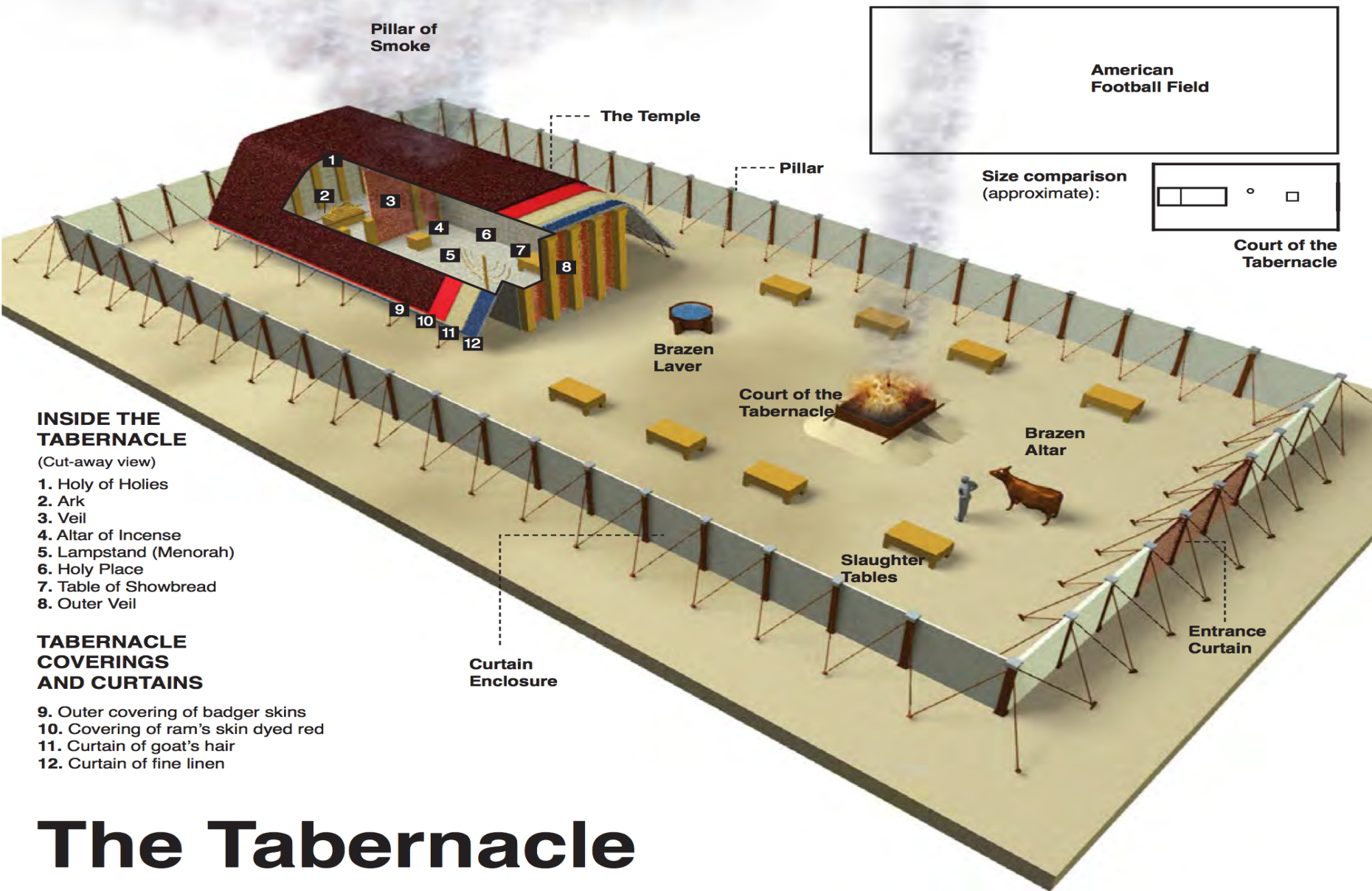
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# The Tabernacle

This portable temple was built in the wilderness by the Israelites circa 1450 BC after they were freed from Egyptian slavery. The tabernacle was the first temple dedicated to God and the first resting place of the ark of the covenant. It served as a place of worship and sacrifices during the Israelites' 40 years in the desert while conquering the land of Canaan.

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# Old and New Covenant

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  - Heb. 9:6-7
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# Hebrews 9:8

The Holy Spirit is signifying this, that the way into the holy place has not yet been disclosed while the outer tabernacle is still standing.



# Hebrews 9:12

...and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

## Leviticus 17:11

‘For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood by reason of the life that makes atonement.’

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# Hebrews 9:22b

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for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins. – [Matthew 26:28](#)

who are chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure. – [1 Peter 1:2](#)

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# Sacrifice

## Levitical Priest

1. Repeated (Heb. 9:25)
2. Blood of Animals (Heb. 9:25)

## Jesus Christ

1. Once and for all (Heb. 9:25,28)
2. Own Blood (Eph. 1:7)

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## 1 Peter 3:18

For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;

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# 1 John 3:5

You know that He appeared in order to take away sins; and in Him there is no sin.

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“The holy mass, is a true and proper sacrifice. It is physical and propitiatory, removing sins and conferring grace of repentance. Propitiated by the offering of this sacrifice, God, by granting the grace of the gift and the gift of Penance, remits trespasses and sins however grievous they may be.”

– Ludwig Ott (Roman Catholic Theologian)

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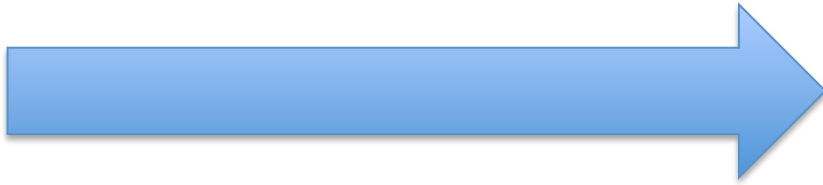
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## Biblical View

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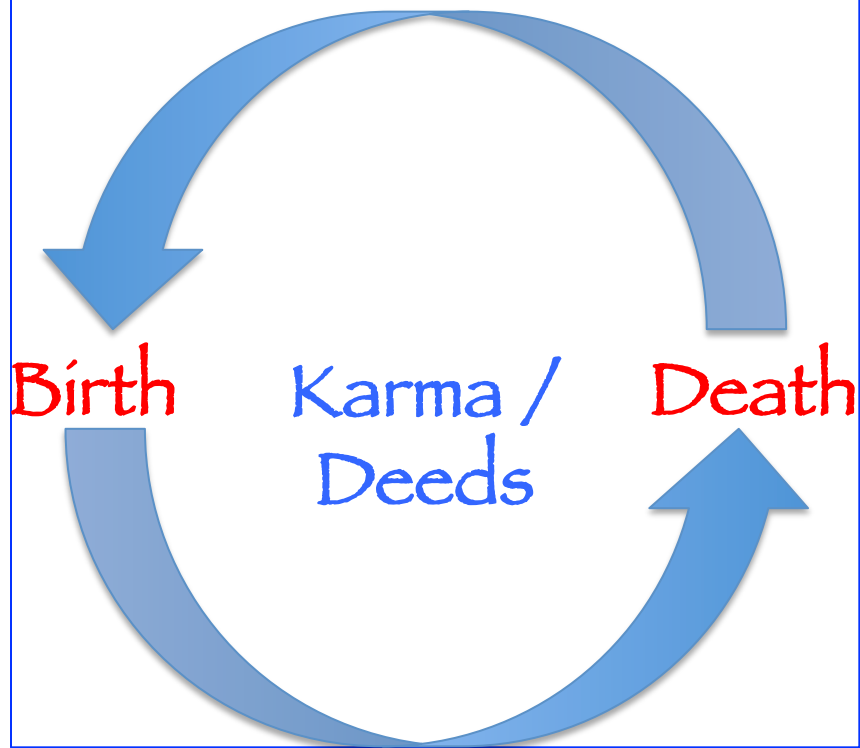
Death

Presence  
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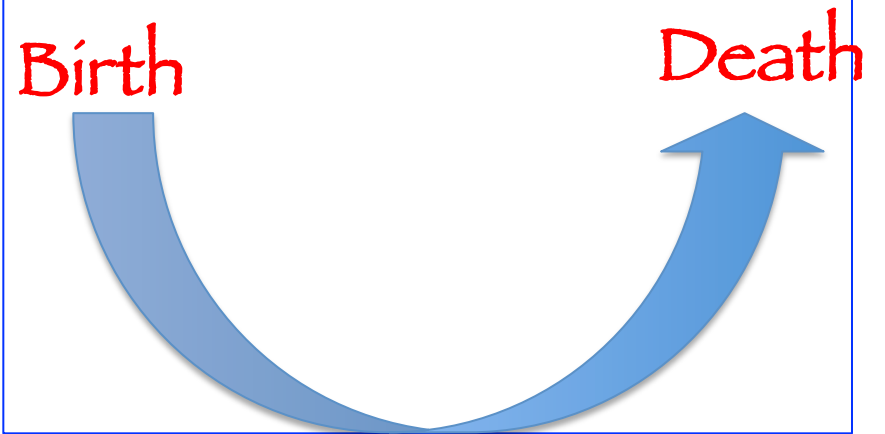
2 Cor. 5:8

## Pantheistic View

Re-birth



## Naturalistic View



# Biblical view of death

## 3 Types of Death

1. Physical Death  
– James 2:26
2. Spiritual Death  
– Eph. 2:1
3. Eternal Death –  
2 Thess. 1:9

## Important Truths about Death

1. Sin is the cause of Death –  
Rom. 5:12
2. Death is real not an illusion
3. Death is unnatural – Gen. 1-2
4. Inescapable reality – Heb. 9:27
5. Transition from one state to  
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1. Don't lose the wonder and the significance of what Christ has accomplished for you
2. Live daily in light of the reality of His appearing again



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# Why did Jesus have to die?

1. A testament demands death (Heb. 9:16)
2. Forgiveness demands blood (Heb 9:22)
3. Judgment demands a substitute  
(Hebrews 9:28 / Isaiah 53:6)